

If you are an EMS provider, what does CHIRP mean to you?



Imagine: You get a call on an infant with mental status changes. You arrive to the home and see this baby; she seems lethargic and appears dusky. The only other person in the home is an older woman and she speaks only Spanish.



You see the diaper bag on a chair and notice an **EMSC Red Pack** attached to it.



You know that inside the pack you will find a vial with this baby's current medical information. You may see a sticker on inside of their door or a magnet on the fridge indicating a similar vial can be found in the fridge.

- ◆ *It satisfies the HIPPA requirement to allow you access to medical information on a particular child in your service area, a child that you will likely have to respond to.*
- ◆ *It promotes easy access to current key information in the moment you need it.*
- ◆ *It gives you peace of mind. It is a great source of emergency information that can help you save more lives.*

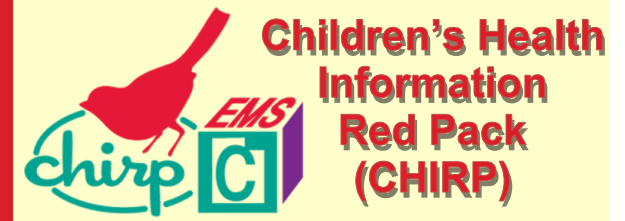
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Children's Health Information Red Pack (CHIRP)



What is the CHIRP Program?

The Children's Health Information Red Pack Program works to provide pre-hospital responders with quick access to current health information on a child with special healthcare needs in the case of an emergency.

Who should enroll?

Medical conditions that qualify a child for this program are:

- Frequent seizures
- Tracheostomy
- Ventilator dependency - CPAP/BIPAP
- Congenital heart disease
- Complex respiratory and cardiology needs
- Neurological compromised
- Severe asthma with past admittance to ICU
- Severe Autism
- Brittle diabetes

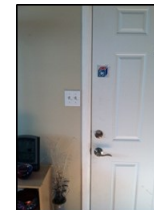
How to enroll?



- ⇒ **Step 1:** Go to the EMSC home page www.health.utah.gov/ems/emsc, click on the "General Public Page", then click on the "CHIRP" link, and then the "Parent login"
- ⇒ **Step 2:** Follow the instructions and fill in the blank boxes
- ⇒ **Step 3:** Click "Create a new sheet for my child"
- ⇒ **Step 4:** Complete the form and save

Once enrolled, what happens? The parents will be sent the following:

- A letter explaining the program
- Two document vials to store current copies of the Health Information Sheet
 - ◆ One to be kept in the red pack, with the child at all times
 - ◆ The other to go in the door of the refrigerator where the child resides
- An EMSC sticker that the family can place on the inside of their main door as a signal to EMS to look in the fridge
- An EMSC magnet to go on the fridge containing the information sheet



Parents could also play a *proactive* role by:

- Easily updating your child's changing medical needs and medications
- Educating your local EMS agencies on their child's important health information
- Writing recommendations online

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